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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL LETTER

REF: A. STATE 001376; B. MBABANE 2126

1. I CALLED ON PRIME MINISTER PRINCE MAKHOSINI JANUARY 6 AND DELIVERED THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (REF A) FOR HIS MAJESTY KING SOBHUZA, WHO IS IN SECLUSION FOLLOWING INCWALA. PRIME MINISTER WAS OBVIOUSLY PLEASED TO RECEIVE THE PRESIDENT'S VIEWS, PARTICULARLY SINCE THE GOS CABINET IS DISCUSSING THE ANGOLAN SITUATION THIS MORNING IN PREPARATION FOR THE OAU SUMMIT. PRIME MINISTER SAID HE WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH HIS MAJESTY FOR HIS REACTION.

2. PRIME MINISTER INDICATED HE WAS ENTIRELY IN AGREEMENT WITH U.S. POSITION THAT OAU SUMMIT SHOULD INSIST ON A PROMPT END TO FOREIGN INVOLVEMENT, ARRANGE A STANDSTILL CEASEFIRE, AND BRING ABOUT NEGOTIATIONS AMONG ANGOLAN GROUPS. PRIME MINISTER TOLD ME HE HAD SENT A MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT KAUNDA ALONG THESE LINES. I URGED GOS TO SPEAK OUT AT THE FORTHCOMING SUMMIT, AND THE PRIME MINISTER PROMISED THAT SWAZILAND WOULD DO SO.

3. PRIME MINISTER EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN ABOUT THE SENATE ACTION IN CUTTING OFF AID TO THE FNLA/UNITA AND NOTED THIS MOVE HAD ENORMOUSLY COMPLICATED THE SITUATION. HE AGREED THAT

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THE RECOGNITION OF THE MPLA BY SOME 20 AFRICAN STATES, ACCORDING

TO HIS REPORTS, HAD FURTHER AGGRAVATED THE SITUATION. PRIME
MINISTER SAW THE DEMAND OF SOME AFRICAN STATES FOR WITHDRAWAL
OF SOUTH AFRICA, LEAVING THE RUSSIANS AND CUBANS, AS TOTALLY
UNREALISTIC. HE ADDED PRESENCE OF ONE SUPERPOWER INVITED
THE OTHER.
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